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SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND FRENCH
NAVAL OFFICERS

THE CAPTAIN OF THE U.S. SUBMARINE CLAMAIRE, NOW AT THE PORT OF RECIFE, HAS TOLD A CONSULATE OFFICER OF AN INCIDENT WITH A FRENCH NAVAL OFFICER THAT MAY HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN THE PRESENT CONTEXT OF THE MIDEAST SITUATION. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. NAVY OFFICER, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FRENCH NAVY MINESWEEPER CANOPUS, MOORED AT THE LOCAL PORT, AFTER HAVING INVITED HIM AND THE OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CLAMAGORE FOR A PARTY ABOARD THE CANOPUS, CALLED ON HIM TO INFORM HIM THAT THE PARTY HAD BEEN CANCELLED. THE REASON THE FRENCH OFFICER FIRST GAVE FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE PARTY, WHICH WAS TO BE HELD LAST NIGHT,

WAS THAT THERE WAS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ABOARD THE CANOPUS. AS THE CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH OFFICER CONFIDED THAT THE FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL IN RECIFE, JACQUES BOIZET, HAD EXPLICITLY INSTRUCTED HIM TO UNINVITE THE AMERICAN.

COMMENT: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH CONSULATES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AMICABLE IN THE PAST.

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